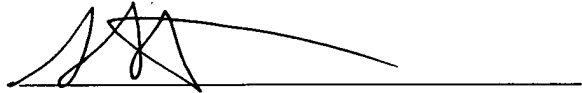




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Commissioner:

We filed a response to the July 12, 2007 final Office Action on September 12, 2007, which was within 2 months of the July 12, 2007 mailing date of the final Office Action. However, we did not receive any subsequent Office Action or Advisory Action as of today, January 14, 2008, which is the 6-month deadline.

On Thursday, January 11, 2007, Examiner's Supervisor, Examiner Donovan, informed Applicant's attorney that the Examiner will timely send a non-final Office Action. However, as of today, there is no record of such Office Action on USPTO's PAIR database.

In order to ensure that the application is not inadvertently abandoned, Applicant submits herewith a conditional Request for Continued Examination (RCE), which is to be entered if and only if no additional Office Action was mailed by the 6-month deadline of January 14, 2008 (as January 12, 2008 was Saturday). This RCE is conditional because under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, an RCE cannot be filed unless prosecution on the application has been closed.